

NITC eHealth Council

The Nebraska Information Technology Commission's eHealth Council was created to foster the collaborative and innovative use of eHealth technologies through partnerships between public and private sectors, and to encourage communication and coordination among eHealth initiatives in Nebraska.

Charge to the eHealth Council

The eHealth Council is charged with:

- Reviewing the current status of healthcare information technology adoption by the healthcare delivery system in Nebraska;
- Addressing potential security, privacy and other issues related to the adoption of interoperable healthcare information technology in Nebraska;
- Evaluating the cost of using interoperable healthcare information technology by the healthcare delivery system in Nebraska;
- Identifying private resources and public/private partnerships to fund efforts to adopt interoperable healthcare information technology;
- Supporting and promoting the use of telehealth as a vehicle to improve healthcare access to Nebraskans; and
- Recommending best practices or policies for state government and private entities to promote the adoption of interoperable healthcare information technology by the healthcare delivery system in Nebraska.

Benefits of eHealth include:

- Reducing medication errors.
- Reducing health care waste.
- Facilitating medical research.
- Reducing variability in healthcare delivery and access.
- Empowering consumer involvement in health management.
- Improving the identification and reporting of disease outbreaks and other public health threats.

How can I become involved in the activities of the eHealth Council?

Please visit the NITC Web site (www.nitc.ne.gov) section for information on the activities of the council. To be placed on the e-mail list to receive meeting notices and other information related to the council, contact Anne Byers by e-mailing anne.byers@nebraska.gov. To learn more about eHealth, go to the NITC eHealth Clearinghouse at <http://www.nitc.ne.gov/eHc/clearing/>.

eHealth Council Members

- **The State of Nebraska/Federal Government**
 - **Steve Henderson**, Office of the CIO
 - **Senator Annette Dubas**, Nebraska Legislature
 - **Dennis Berens**, Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Rural Health
 - **Congressman Jeff Fortenberry**, represented by Marie Woodhead
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 - **Daniel Griess**, Box Butte General Hospital, Alliance
 - **Dr. Delane Wycoff**, Pathology Services, PC
 - **Dr. Harris A. Frankel** (alternate)
 - **Joni Cover**, Nebraska Pharmacists Association
 - **September Stone**, Nebraska Health Care Association
 - **John Roberts**, Nebraska Rural Health Association
- **eHealth Initiatives**
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 - **Ken Lawonn**, NeHII and Alegent Health
 - **Harold Krueger**, Western Nebraska Health Information Exchange and Chadron Community Hospital
 - **C.J. Johnson**, Southeast Nebraska Behavioral Health Information Network and Region V Systems
- **Public Health**
 - **David Lawton**, Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Assurance
 - **Jeff Kuhr**, Three Rivers Public Health Department, Fremont
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 - **Kay Oestmann**, Southeast District Health Department
 - **Shirleen Smith**, West Central District Health Department, North Platte, alternate
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 - **Ron Hoffman, Jr.**, Mutual of Omaha
 - **Vivianne Chaumont**, Department of Health And Human Services, Division of Medicaid and Long Term Care
- **Consumers**
 - **Nancy Shank**, Public Policy Center
 - **Alice Henneman**, University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension in Lancaster County
 - **Jim Krieger**, Gallup
- **Resource Providers, Experts, and Others**
 - **Henry Zach**, HDC 4Point Dynamics
 - **Kimberly Galt**, Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions